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FIRST N N O GERMAN GIVEN THURSDAY EVENING IN THE GYMNASIUM

Pretty Figure Led by Mr. Elliott Dold. Gowns and Hoods Add Novel Feature

The N N O Society gave the first german since their organization, on Thursday evening. It will hereafter be an annual Easter event. The members of the society wore their hoods and gowns of black and blue, and the figure, forming the letters N N O, was led by Mr. William Elliott Dold. Refreshments were served at midnight. The same orchestra employed by the German Club rendered the music.

THOSE DANCING THE FIGURE

Those dancing the Figure were Miss Mary Henley Spencer with Mr. E. R. Willcox, Miss Elizabeth Macon with Mr. Tilley, Miss Nora Macon with Mr. Dold, Miss Wilson with Mr. Daingerfield Spencer, Miss Nan Gray with Mr. Peachy, Miss Kinney, of the University of Virginia, with Mr. Doty, Miss Sadie Harrison with Mr. W. L. Parker, Miss Mary Lyon Tyler with Mr. Joe Hall, Miss Willcox, of Norfolk, with Mr. R. B. Jackson, Miss Purcell, of Richmond, with Mr. Deal, Miss Ellen Maury, of Norfolk, with Mr. Lloyd, Miss Peachy with Mr. Barrow, Miss Jernigan, of Norfolk, with Mr. T. H. Geddy, Jr.

Others dancing were Misses Hundley, Geddy, Mary Branch Spencer, Bessie Spencer, Martha Spencer, Carter and Harrison, of Shirley, Louise Harrison, Moncure, Garnett Sweeney, Thorpe, Lula Brooks, Lee, James, Tate, De Jarnett, and Galt. Mrs. Groat, Mrs. Winder Lane, Mrs. Christian.

Messrs. Ewell, Wells, Thurman Deal, Meredith, Turner, Vaden, Koontz, Young, Rowe, Lee, Hubbard, Mitchell, Mayer, Clements, Neblett, Goodwin, Col. Lane, Col. Christian, Harrison, Cox, Jones, Newton, Brown, Groat, Ellis, Dr. Young and James.

Chaperones—Mesdames Gardiner Tyler, Jas. Tate, and Bartlett.

TAMING OF THE SHREW

If there be any in Williamsburg who fear the name of Shakespeare, believing that it spells only tragedy or at best rather serious comedy, let him be assured that in "The Taming of the Shrew" at least he will find this idea entirely erroneous,

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SOUTH CAROLINA WON FAST GAME FROM WILLIAM & MARY WEDNESDAY

Shiers in The Box Proved Formidable. Was Not Always Properly Supported

The University of South Carolina defeated William and Mary in a fast game by the score 5-1. Shiers was on the mound for the home boys, pitching good ball, and fielding his position well, and would have won his game if his support had been a trifle swifter, and the batting more opportune. Dubose for the visitors allowed only three hits, blanking the locals till the seventh, when a base on balls and two clever steals by Garth, coupled with a hit by Games scored "Babe."

GAME IN DETAIL

In the first inning the visitors hit four times, two of which should have been outs, scoring two runs. The sixth sent one more in on Garth's bad throw and a single by Metts, while Von Kolintz and Watts scored in the last period on a hit and two muffs by Dix.

More, Smith and Dubose starred for South Carolina, while the fielding of Addison, Shiers' work, and the clever playing of Garth were the features for the Orange and Black.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY WINS SATURDAY

The locals lost the first championship game to Hampden-Sidney on Saturday by the score of 5-2. Shiers, who was pitted against Lewis, was hit hard at times, which, with the errors behind him gave the visitors the jump. Lewis allowed but five hits, one by Games being a triple, and fanned twelve men.

Wool scored for Hampden-Sidney in the first on a double and Atkinson's single. In the third Peachy got a life on Wool's error, Garth singled, and Games scored both with a smacking tripple. Wool doubled for the visitors again in the fourth, Atkinson was safe on Garth's error, and two more were scored on singles by Lewis and Saunders. Another double, Shier's error and a single gave the visitors the last two runs.

The game was marred by the dirty playing of Atkinson, who knocked the ball away from Dix on a muffed throw. The trick was plainly seen by the grandstand, and the offended crowd threatened trou-

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ELIZABETHANS PRESENT 'THE RIVALS,' ARE RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY

Play Marked by Well Balanced All Star Caste. No Star Picked

With almost an "all star" caste the Elizabethans last Tuesday night gave a brilliant performance of Sheridan's "Rivals." Full of well executed action, sparkling with cleverly pointed wit, the play moved spiritedly on through the whole five acts to the flattering accompaniment of laughter and applause. The most remarkable feature of all for an amateur performance was the total absence of a single stiff or awkward actor from the entire caste. Every role was presented with skill and understanding and the minor parts were by no means less polished than were the more important characters.

THOSE IN FEMININE PARTS

The four feminine parts were rendered with appreciation and charm. Mrs. Miles was a fascinating Lydia and Miss Geddy as Julia was altogether satisfying. As the sprightly maid, Lucy, Miss Elizabeth Macon won much applause, especially in the well-executed scene in which she is discovered by Fag kissing Sir Lucius O'Trigger. The perennial attractions of Mrs. Malaprop were deliciously displayed by Mr. Doty whose interpretations of that lady's mannerisms and graces kept the audience in one continuous smile.

Mr. James as Sir Anthony Absolute, Mr. Jackson as the inimitable Bob Acres and Mr. Parker as Sir Lucius O'Trigger divided with Mrs. Malaprop the first honors as laughter provokers. So excellent was the acting of each that it would be difficult to point out where one excels the other in producing delightful comedy.

REMAINDER OF CASTE

Mr. Willcox made a surprisingly handsome Captain Absolute and acted the part well; while as the capricious Faulkland no actor in the whole piece put more vigor of acting or presented more acutely the spirit of part than Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Dold's Fag was fresh and unconventional; Mr. Barnes' David, full of spirit; and Mr. Harrison's Thomas, amusing. Van Garrett was a delightful Boy.

The staging was good and the costumes and settings were managed

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GERMAN CLUB GAVE BEAUTIFUL DANCE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

Many Attractive Visitors Present, Smidt's Orchestra Furnished Music.

The regular Easter German was given in the Gymnasium Wednesday evening. A large number of visiting girls were present. Colonel and Mrs. Christian led the german with many successful figures. Elaborate refreshments were served, and although the night was excessively warm, the german was much enjoyed, and one of the most beautiful ever given at the College.

THOSE PRESENT AND DANCING

Those present and dancing were: Miss Kinney, of the University of Virginia, with Mr. Dold, Miss Nora Macon with Mr. Peachy Spencer, Miss Elizabeth Macon with Mr. E. R. Willcox, Miss Mary Willcox with Mr. Lee, Miss Sadie Harrison with Mr. W. L. Parker, Miss Louise Harrison with Mr. Tyler, Miss Tate, of of Norfolk, with Mr. Mitchell, Miss Maury, of Norfolk, with Mr. Lloyd, Miss Walker with Mr. Jones, Miss Harrison, of Shirley, with Mr. Cox, Miss Sue Carter, of Shirley, with Mr. Harrison, Miss Wilson, of Norfolk, with Mr. Barrow, Miss Purcell, of Richmond, with Mr. Rowe, Miss DeJarnett, of Norfolk, with Mr. Mayer, Miss Rice, of Rockland, Me, with Mr. Doty, Miss Hundley with Mr. English, Miss Thorpe with Mr. Ewell, Miss Bacon, of Rochester, N. Y., with Mr. D. Spencer, Miss Mary Henley Spencer with Mr. Neblett, Miss Geddy with Mr. Goodwin, Miss Lula Brooks with Mr. Hall, Miss Martha Spencer with Mr. Tucker, Miss Bessie Spencer with Mr. Vaden, Miss Garnett Sweeney with Dr. Brumback, Miss Florence Sweeney with Dr. Hall, Miss Peachy with Mr. Jackson, Miss Bartlett, of Newport News, with Mr. Pretzman, Mrs. Miles with Mr. Ferguson, Miss Nan Gray with Mr. Peachy, Miss Ayler, of Newport News, with Dr. Young, Miss Barnes with Mr. Koontz, Miss O'Keefe with Mr. Campbell, Miss Christian with Mr. Richardson, Miss James, of Petersburg, with Mr. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Groat, Colonel and Mrs. Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Ball, Dr. and Mrs. Davis.

Stags—Messrs. Tilley, Deal, Wells, of Norfolk, Thurman Deal, of Bran-

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'THE WAY OF A MAN WITH A MAID.'

A much worn title must of necessity be chosen for so conventional a word as this. Both are gloriously old together, yet both are vibrantly new, for the 'the way of a man with a maid' together with 'a serpent upon a rock,' and 'a ship in the midst of the sea' are still as fathomless as in the days of the ancient Hebrew, and love, you know has been a lord and king, as well as 'a masquerader ever since the days of Jupiter' as Mr. Fag used to say. That is why, more than likely, that a week such as the last holds so much within its narrow limits.—The lure of the ever fleeing, and the mysterious was in the air. However, it was a pleasant period. It would be nice if such an one might be repeated at every changing of the moon, except that it would turn the heads of the Professors grey. One remarked at the time that not again before the Day of Judgment would his lambs all enter the fold together, and maybe even not on that wonderful day since a few doubtless would be numbered with the goats.

Never has there been seen a more attractive number of visiting girls, nor have the cordial and hospitable people of Williamsburg ever been more gracious. It has often been mentioned how very kind the young ladies here were to girls from away, and last week they surpassed their previous records, which is saying the

most possible. So it may not be so great a mystery after all that the young men of the College lost their heads with the various accessories, including hearts, fraternity pins, et cetera; for a wooden man would have been animated by the galaxy of wonderful ladies attending the list of social functions at the College during the brief span. Add to the already sufficient grace and beauty of the ladies of Williamsburg a great deal more from away, and you will have a moving picture that will far outstrip the palmiest days of the Royal Governors.

Several ball games, the play by the Elizabethans, and the Germans were all well attended by sympathetic audiences. Enthusiastic, had been said were modesty not so beautiful a thing. Those organizations entertaining should feel well and fully repaid for their efforts. The attendance at each affair was flattering. To return to the ancient and urbane manner of speaking, the flower of Virginia was in attendance, and to say the flower of Virginia is to speak of the best in the world.

SOME OF OUR CONTEMPORARIES

Just now on the eve of the convening of the Southern College Press Association, of which William and Mary is a charter member, and which meets this week for the first time at the University of South Carolina where it had its birth, we have been tempted to say something of a few of our Southern contemporaries.

This being the first year of THE FLAT HAT, the exchange list, while most respectable, is by no means exhaustive of the Southern list of college newspapers. It is hoped that the coming of the second year will find the exchange file more complete. It has been a surprise not to have received an exchange from South Carolina, but we hope to become acquainted at some day in the future, and to see others of which we have heard, but not seen.

From our list as it stands, we would select as being nearest to what a college weekly should be the following four papers, Ring-tum Phi, of Washington and Lee University, College Topics, of the University of Virginia, The Tulane Weekly, and The Chronicle, of Trinity College, North Carolina. Of these publications, Ring-tum Phi is possibly the best edited. An effort is made to produce editorials consistently, and of some import. But it is not well balanced on account of the deference paid to athletics. One issue, we remember, had the entire front page given over to some athletic sport or other, and some of the articles were continued over to other pages. Athletics in our opinion should have due recognition and share of space in a college newspaper, but not more. College Topics

seems to have the best reporter system of any of our contemporaries. The articles and stories are well arranged and nicely prepared, but editorially this otherwise excellent sheet is pitifully weak. Some times this most valuable column is given over to personals or such other riff-raff as is not fitted for the front page. The Tulane Weekly is a fairly well balanced paper, and is typographically pleasing. However condensation of matter would improve it as well as a more varied and general type of news items. Also the editorials might show more care. The Chronicle, of Trinity, holds a high place in the field of college journal-

ism. The editorials are usually worthy to print, and the main columns are always well prepared.

The literary magazines far excel the weeklies in editorials, and this should not be true. Coming every week of course, it smacks strongly of prosaic routine to prepare editorials, but such is so in everything, and can not be offered as an excuse. However, taken all in all, the Southern college newspaper is an excellent and indispensable publication, and is even remarkable in being as good as it is when it is considered how many are the obstacles to be overcome.

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IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE TOPICS

Miss Mary Willcox returned to her
home in Norfolk Friday afternoon.

Miss Louise Harrison, of Wash-
ington, has been the guest of the
Misses Macon.

Mr. John Jackson, of Keswick,
Virginia, has been in Williamsburg
to see his brother, Mr. R. B. Jack-
son.

Mr. Wells, of Portsmouth, was
the guest for several days last week
of Mr. William L. Parker.

Mr. Jim Driver, an old William
and Mary man who was captain of
every athletic team in the College
during his career here, was in Wil-
liamsburg for two days last week
with the South Carolina baseball
team which he is successfully coach-
ing.

Miss Mary Lyon Tyler was able
to attend the N N O German Thurs-
day evening after a brief illness.

Miss Martha Purcell has returned
to Richmond after a several days
visit to the Misses Tyler.

Mr. Raymond Meredith has recov-
ered, and returned to the College
last week.

Several of the young men on the
Carolina baseball team attended the
German Wednesday evening under
the sponsorship of Mr. Driver.

Miss Mary Wilson, of Norfolk,
has been visiting Colonel and Mrs.
Levin Winder Lane.

An extemporaneous dance was
given Saturday evening in the Gym-
nasium.

Several parties are being arranged
to attend the performances of the
Coburn Players.

The debate between William and
Mary and Randolph-Macon, which
was postponed, will be held in the
Chapel tonight, at 8 o'clock. Messrs.
Smith and Harrison of the College
have the affirmative Resolved, That
the Initiative and Referendum
Be Adopted in Virginia. The nega-
tive will be handled by Messrs.
Chapman and Nickolson. Messrs.
Thomas and Griggs will debate
Richmond College at the same hour
in Richmond.

Dr. Ritchie returned Saturday
from the Southwest, and reported
that Dublin had been chosen as the
location of the Summer Session.

Dr. Kern held a successful series
of meetings under the auspices of
the Y. M. C. A., leaving yesterday
for the South.

JACKSON IN CAROLINA

Mr. Robert Bruce Jackson left
yesterday for Columbia, S. C., to at-
tend the Southern College Press As-
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